THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Representations against the tentative amounts assessed by the Special Team upto 31.12.1983 in respect of companies involved in the Supreme Court case were received before July, 1989 and also thereafter. In view of these representations, it was decided to have the scrutiny of the tentatively assessed amounts by the Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser in the Ministry of Industry in July, 1987.

(b) and (c) Such a scrutiny revealed the areas which have not been properly looked into by the Special Team and the Price Review Committee.

(d) to (f) In view of the facts revealed by the above mentioned Scrutiny and the further representations that were received, it has been decided to have a fresh look into the recommendations of the Special Team, the Price Review Committee and the developments thereafter. This process is presently in progress.

1322. [*Transferred to the 24th May, 1990*]

Review of DPCO, 1987

1323. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 182 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DPCO, 1987 is under review;

(b) if so, by when this review would be completed;

(c) what are the broad parameters based on which DPCO, 1987 is being reviewed;

(d) whether his Ministry has carried out any study of discounts, Trade Commission, Free samples, free saleable packs and expensive gifts given by the formulators before starting of review;

(e) whether it is also a fact that standing committee is also considering the amalies and discrepancies found in Kelkar Committee Report

(f) if so, what are the details of anomalies came to the notice of the Ministry;

(g) whether it is also a fact that the representations received regarding wrong exclusion of certain drugs from price control; and

(h) if so, what are the names of those drugs and details of decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) and (e) to (h) After the promulgation of the DPCO, 1987, a number of representations were received from the Members of Parliament for wrong inclusion/exclusions of bulk drugs in the Scheduled Categories. The Kelkar Committee considered all such representations and submitted its Supplementary Report to the Government based on that certain drugs were included/excluded from price control. However, even after the Government has received number of representations from various sources including Members of Parliament regarding wrong exclusion of certain bulk drugs from price control as well as other anamolies & discrepencies in the Reports of the Kelkar Committee. In order to deal with all such representations, as already answered in reply to the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 182 answered on 26-3-90 Government has constituted a Standing Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals. The Committee is a permanent Committee and will consider all such representations concerning DPCO. 1987 as and when received. There are about 100 bulk drugs, names of which have been already given in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 1

answered on 7th May, 1990 on which representations for wrong exclusion from DPCO, 1987, have been received.

(d) On 14.9.1988, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. I.Z. Bhatty Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research to undertake a detailed and comprehensive study of the pattern of Trade Margin in the pharmaceutical Industry. The Committee has submitted its draft Report to the Government in March, 1990.

Emitting of poisonous materials by Mujaffarpur based Factory

1324. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that garder company based in Mujaffarpur in Bihar is mixing such poisonous materials which lead to cancer

(b) whether Government propose to get their composition tested chemically and take suitable action to ban its production; and

(c) whether Government propose to instruct the company to mention composition formula, so that its ingredients and purity may be chemically tested; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (c) The information is being collected and will laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Price control on Drugs

1325. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 510 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nandrolone Decanoate, Nandrolone Ph. Propienate, Desoxycorticosterone Ph. Phosphate; Allylestrenol, Ethinylestradiol, Frogesterone, Ethisterone, Destradiol Benzoate, Menthyl Testosterone and its salts; Ethulestraenol are exempted from price control order, 1987;

(b) if so, what is the price intimated to his Ministry of each by the company;

(c) what is the exclusion criteria on which each of these drugs have been price decontrolled;

(d) whether his Ministry have received representations against wrong exclusion of these drugs;

(e) if so, what is the number of such representations, date on which each representation received and what action has been taken on each; and

(f) what is the stage from which each is produced?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requisite information to the extent available is given in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) to (e) The exclusion of bulk drugs from price control under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 is based on the recommendations contained in the main as well as supplementary Report of the Kelkar Committee which was accepted by the then Government. A number of representations for wrong exclusion of bulk drugs under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 have been received by the Government and in order to